IN THE MATTER OF:	Case No.: DO-12-0102A
LUCINDA MICHEL, D.O. Holder of License No. 4314	AMENDED CONSENT AGREEMENT AND INTERIM ORDER FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION
For the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona))))

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") and Lucinda Michel, D.O. ("Respondent"), the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the stipulated Interim Findings of Fact, Interim Conclusions of Law and Interim Order ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.
- 2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.
- 3. This Interim Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 4. Respondent admits to the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained in the Interim Consent Agreement and Order.
- 5. This Interim Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against Respondent.

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- 6. This Interim Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of his or other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any vaiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction. The acceptance of his Interim Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of his State from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is he subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to ne Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent greement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications o this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- 8. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record nat will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the ational Practitioner Data Bank and to the Board's website.
- 9. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise nenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in orce and effect.
- 10. If the Board does not adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, (1) Respondent will ot assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Interim Consent Agreement onstitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense; and (2) the Board will not onsider content of this Interim Consent Agreement as an admission by Respondent.

REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED THIS 3"DAY O

Lucinda Michel, D.O.

JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

- 1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq. to regulate the licensing and practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent holds license No. 4314 issued by the Board to practice as an osteopathic physician.

INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On August 8, 2011, the Board entered an order in case DO-10-0012 which places Respondent on Probation ("Respondent's Board Order"). Respondent's Board Order required Respondent to attend 12-step meetings or other self-help group meetings appropriate for alcohol/substance abuse and approved by Board Staff a minimum of three times per week until August 2012.
- 2. Respondent's Board Order also required Respondent to contact an automated telephone message system to determine when she is to provide a specimen for drug screen testing.
- 3. On May 16, 2012, Respondent provided a specimen for drug screening. The sample tested positive for Ethylglucuronide.
- 4. On July 6, 2012, Board Staff reviewed Respondent's compliance with her Board Order. During the review, it was determined that from June 4, 2012 to July 6, 2012, Respondent had not contacted the facility which conducts the random drug screen testing, as required by her Board Order.
- 5. Respondent was contacted by Board Staff on July 6, 2012. Respondent confirmed that she had not called the testing facility from June 4, 2012 to July 6, 2012, as required by her Board Order. Respondent also confirmed that she had not attended any of the 12-step meetings required by her Board Order from June 4, 2012 to July 6, 2012.
- 6. Respondent appeared before the Board at an Investigative Hearing on September 15, 2012. The Board offered to continue the matter but in the meantime offered Respondent a Consent Agreement to restrict her practicing medicine until the May 2013 Board meeting and that she will need to comply with all of the terms of probation in Order DO-10-0012 during the

time she is restricted from practicing. The Board will continue the investigative hearing at their meeting on May 18, 2013.

7. Respondent appeared before the Board at a continuation of the Investigative Hearing on May 18, 2013. The Board discussed her current status and efforts to be in compliance with her prior Board Order in case DO-10-0012. As a result of the continuation it was discussed that Dr. Michel would establish care with a psychiatrist, seek a sponsor in AA and return to the Board's September meeting for continuation of this matter.

INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq. the Board has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described in the Interim Findings of Fact above, if proven true, constitute unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1854:
- (25) (violating a formal order, probation or stipulation issued by the board under this chapter).

<u>ORDER</u>

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board, and based upon the Interim Findings of Fact and Interim Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT LUCINDA

MICHEL IS RESTRICTED FROM PRACTICING osteopathic medicine until the Board continues the investigative hearing with Respondent regarding the possible non-compliance with the Board's Order, DO-10-0012 at their regularly scheduled September 2013 meeting.

Respondent agrees to comply with all terms of the Order issued in DO-10-0012 and with all of the terms of the Interim Order for Practice Restriction issued in DO-12-0102A. In addition, she agrees to the following:

1. Respondent shall establish care with an Arizona, licensed psychiatrist within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order. Physician shall submit the name of the physician in writing to the Board Executive Director for approval. Respondent shall ensure that psychiatrist submits an initial report to the Board within thirty (30) days of their initial meeting

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and quarterly thereafter. Respondent shall comply with all treatment and recommendations made by the psychiatrist.

- 2. Respondent shall establish a sponsor in AA within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order.
- 3. Respondent shall establish care with an Arizona, licensed counselor for weekly meetings. Respondent shall ensure that a report from the counselor is provided to the Board within thirty (30) days of the initial meeting and quarterly thereafter. Respondent shall comply with all treatment and recommendations of the counselor.
- 4. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.
- 5. Any violation of this Consent Agreement and Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action and or referral to the appropriate criminal agency.
- 6. Service of this Order is effective upon either personal delivery or the date of mailing, by U.S. certified mail, addressed to Respondent's last known address of record with the Board. See A.R.S. § 32-1855(F).

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ISSUED THIS ____ DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

STATE OF ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By:

Jenna Jones, Executive Director

Original filed this 4 day of June, 2013 with the:

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Copy of the foregoing sent via certified mail this day of June, 2013 to: Lucinda Michel, D.O. Address of Record (Home address) Copy of the foregoing sent via regular mail this fra day of June, 2013 to: Sarah Selzer, AAG Office of the Attorney General CIV/LES 1275 West Washington Phoenix AZ 85007